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SUBJECT: LEBANESE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY
PURCHASE OF HAND GUNS

1. SUMMARY: LEBANESE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DUMONST (OR DUMONT) SHIPPING COMPANY (ON BEHALF OF SMITH AND WESSON) THAT EXPORT LICENSES FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED HANDGUNS ARE BEING HELD UP IN OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL IN STATE DEPARTMENT. REQUEST ADVISE CURRENT STATUS EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL. END SUMMARY

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY, FAROUK ABILAMA, FEBRUARY 2 REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN MATTER OF PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS FROM U.S. ABILAMA HAS FURNISHED EMBASSY COPIES OF FIVE "CONSIGNEE PURCHASER TRANSACTION STATEMENTS" (FORM DSP-83). THREE OF FIVE TRANSACTION STATEMENTS INDICATE U.S. EXPORTER IS DUMONST (OR DUMONT) SHIPPING COMPANY INC., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10004, AND ALL FIVE INDICATE IMPORTER TO BE GEORGE G. JUREIDEINI, SOLE PROPRIETOR OF FIRM AND AGENT FOR SMITH AND WESSON IN LEBANON. EARLIER TRANSACTION STATEMENT, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1977, SHOWS ABILAMA HIMSELF SIGNING AS ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE IN PARA 6. REMAINING FOUR TRANSACTION STATEMENTS, DATE RESPECTIVELY
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DECEMBER 13, DECEMBER 26, DECEMBER 26, AND DECEMBER 26, 1977
ALL SHOW SIGNATURE OF ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE AS BRIGADER VICTOR KHOURY, COMMANDER OF LEBANESE ARMY, WITH INDICATION IN PARA 5 THAT WEAPONS ARE INTENDED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE.

3. ACCORDING TO ABILAMA, DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL SECURITY HAS RECEIVED TELEX FROM DUMONST INDICATING THAT LICENSE APPLICATIONS

ARE PENDING IN OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL (MR. JAMES HATAWAY),
WHICH IS DELAYING SHIPMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHEN LICENSE
APPLICATIONS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY MUNITIONS CONTROL OFFICE AND
CURRENT STATUS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW CURRENT POLICY OF
OFFICE OF MUNITIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT OF ITEMS
ON THE MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST TO LEBANON.
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